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Comedy legend comes to town

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Former Saturday Night Live cast member and star of numerous comedy films, Dan Aykroyd, was at the Peace Bridge Duty Free on Friday morning for a bottle signing, to promote his Crystal Head Vodka. About 500 fans swarmed the store to meet the legendary comedian. Read the story on Page 4.

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Industrial land an 'endangered species' in Fort Erie

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Town of Fort Erie is ready for business, but provincial wetland policies has been a hindrance to say the least, according to both mayor Doug Martin and Economic Development and Tourism Corporation (EDTC) general manager Jim Thibert.

Meeting with New Democrat Party (NDP member of provincial parliament Michael Prue (Beaches East York), along with former mayor Wayne Redekop, who is also and NDP, Martin and Thibert explained some of the hardships the Town of Fort has faced in the last year-and-a-half due to the legislation.

Thibert has been the EDTC general manager for 11 years and when he first took the position, Fort Erie grew at a pace they aimed for, to bring the population up to 40,000 by the year 2020.

But for nearly the last two years, it has been impossible to develop in the economic gateway zone, in lands located adjacent to the Queen Elizabeth Way.

"We were right on track for that until the last year and a half," said Thibert.

Both agree that the legislation being written that there is no "local control" over what can be done on a designated wetland, is frustrating.

Martin and Thibert have made a total of 12 presentations on this issue to the province and various ministries, the most recent being about a month ago.

The Town has designated 300 acres of property for future industrial use, but 200 acres of that land has been deemed to be provincially significant wetland.

The area in question covers less than two per cent of all of Greater Fort Erie.

The province's legislation has basically made this null and void for the municipality.

"We have zero industrial land," said Thibert.

> **"Let us do what we have to do and get out of our way."**
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> *— Mayor Doug Martin*

Mayor Martin said the Town isn't asking the province to adjust the urban boundary for this issue, but to simply consider how important it is for Fort Erie's future that industry is eventually created on these lands.

"Let us do what we have to do and get out of our way," Martin said is the primary message that needs to be delivered.

Thibert agreed, saying that the wetland policy has basically put any industrial progress in town to a halt.

"The province hasn't been a friend to Fort Erie," said Thibert.

It is estimated by the Town that an excess of $45 million in potential assessment has been lost, as well as millions in future economic development.

"People aren't saying let's protect the ditches along the QEW, they're asking where the jobs are," said Martin.

"Industrial land is the endangered species here," added Thibert.

The next topic of discussion was the Canadian Motor Speedway, which both explained to Prue that would be an enormous economic boost for the town once it is built, following last week's approval from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Thibert also explained that the Fort Erie Racetrack "aint dead yet," as he would be meeting with the Ontario Racing Commission and the Ontario Racing Industry Association Transition Panel on Thursday.

The NDP is forming a job strategy across the province and Prue said this is needed to improve on the fact that there are 600,000 people unemployed across Ontario.

"The strategy of the current government, simply isn't working," said Prue, who is the Ontario NDP's finance critic.

"We want to ask people how we can stimulate the economy to bring jobs back," he added.

Prue will be taking the conversation he had with Martin and Thibert back to his colleagues in the NDP caucus.

"Today, we heard a lot of great suggestions."

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Region urges province to save Racetrack

Jeff Bolichowski
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Motion made by John Teal supported by regional council

The province must step up and help save Fort Erie's horse racing industry, says regional council.

Council unanimously backed Fort Erie Coun. John Teal's call Thursday for the province to sit down with Fort Erie and save the town's racetrack before Dec. 1.

The track has been in turmoil since the spring, when slot machines were pulled out of the racetrack, spelling doom for horse racing in Niagara. But Teal said it's more than a blow to Fort Erie, but to all of Niagara's agricultural sector — and he said a $50-million provincial transition plan for the industry is not enough.

"The majority of people who are losing their jobs would transition to social assistance," he said.

He said Fort Erie would need a minimum of 60 horse-racing days per year to stay economically viable. And he slammed the notion of moving horse racing to Ajax Downs, saying Fort Erie is simply a better track.

Provincial officials, he said, must "get off their duffs and settle this. They're destroying horse racing in the province of Ontario and they will destroy the Fort Erie Race Track."

Councillors backed the motion to a person Thursday.

It asks Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister Ted McMeekin to sit down with local stakeholders to hammer out a plan for the racetrack's future.

Niagara Falls Coun. Bart Maves ripped the province for terming cash raised at the now-pulled racetrack slots as subsidization. He said it amounted to a business deal that the province went back on.

"They effectively took the slot machines out and left and slammed the door shut behind them, never to be opened again," he said.

"I just don't believe that there is the will of this government to see this racetrack survive."

Niagara at large has reason to be leery of the racetrack's fate, said Welland Coun. Peter Kormos.

"The agricultural industry in this region has been whacked," he said. He said the racetrack's loss would also affect horse breeders, feeders and boarders.

"Our agricultural industry here in Niagara has been hammered almost into oblivion."

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Talking at Town Hall

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Beaches- East York MPP Michael Prue, former mayor Wayne Redekop, EDTC general manager Jim Thibert and mayor Doug Martin talking about provincially significant wetlands at Town Hall on Wednesday. The meeting was arranged with the NDP finance critic to explain some of the hardships Fort Erie has been enduring with the current provincial government. The meeting lasted for almost two hours.

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Thorold resident Irene Easton made the trip to Fort Erie with her family to meet comedy actor and former Saturday Night Live cast member Dan Aykroyd at the Peace Bridge Duty Free on Friday morning. She was one of about 500 people who came to catch a glimpse of the celebrity.

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Hundreds of people swarm Duty Free to see Aykroyd

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Editor

Dan Aykroyd loves the Great Lakes.

That's what he told the Fort Erie Times, while he simultaneously signed autographs and chatted with over 500 fans that visited the Peace Bridge Duty Free on Friday morning, while promoting his Crystal Head Vodka.

A cast member of Saturday night Live in the 1970's, co-creator of the famous Ghostbusters movies, and star of other movies like Trading Places, the Blues Brothers and Coneheads, Aykroyd said he loves returning to the Niagara region.

"It's exciting to be here as the temperature changes."

He was greeted by both Canadian and American fans who lined through the Duty Free store for hours.

This time of year, with the Christmas season approaching and American Thanksgiving next week, Aykroyd said he was glad to offer an opportunity for his fans to talk about their experience with him, or autograph a bottle of his vodka or a copy of one of his films.

"Every face here is happy today, so I kind of feel like Santa Claus for adults," he said.

When asked what the most eye-catching piece of memorabilia he signed for a fan, he said it had to be a photo of himself and fellow Blues Brother John Belushi sitting on a motorcycle at the Harley Davidson factory in Milwaukee, he recalls being taken when they were in the middle of shooting the classic movie.

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> *—Dan Aykroyd*

"It was really nice," he said.

When customers purchased three bottles of vodka, they were also given a copy of his father's book called 'A History of Ghosts.'

This has always been a topic of interest in his family and played a large role in his inspiration to create some of his most popular work.

"That's the whole reason we wrote Ghostbusters," said Aykroyd.

Peace Bridge Duty Free marketing manager Bonnie Gates, said fans started to line up around 6 a.m. and by about 10 a.m., the store was packed.

"It's a great thrill to have him in our store," said Gates.

"We're definitely pleased with the turnout," she added.

Public board assessing high schools

Committee gets started, looking at Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School, Fort Erie Secondary School and Port Colborne High School

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> *— District School Board of Niagara superintendent of planning and transportation Cam Hathaway*

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Editor

Although a final decision is nowhere near being made, the first of many meetings to consider amalgamating Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School (RCBHS) Fort Erie Secondary School and Port Colborne High Schools, was held on Wednesday.

An Accomodation Review Committee (ARC) has been formed to get the discussion moving and this week, it met at RCBHS.

It was held to establish the ARC's membership to go over policies and assure that every community impacted was represented properly, explained the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN)'s superintendent of planning and transportation Cam Hathaway.

The whole reason the committee has been formed and the change is being considered by the DSBN, is that the three high schools under the radar are under-populated.

"Declining enrolment has an impact on our ability to offer programming and that's the crux of the issue," said Hathaway when speaking to the Fort Erie Times on Thursday.

This was the initial meeting for the entire process and Hathaway explained it was mostly to set the groundwork.

The ARC is in place to make recommendations through a report that will be considered by the DSBN's board of trustees.

"The ARC doesn't have any decision-making power," said Hathaway.

He said it is anticipated the ARC will submit its report by March 2013.

The trustees and senior superintendents will have 60 days to consider it and begin formulating a decision.

If it is eventually decided that one or more of the three schools in question are to close, it doesn't mean it will impact students immediately in September 2013.

"Typically when a decision is made, it will be a year or two grace period until anything happens," said Hathaway.

The next meeting will be held at RCBHS on Nov.22 and there will be a public component involved.

There will be a tour of RCBHS and an opportunity for residents of Greater Fort Erie and Port Colborne to provide comments.

It starts at 6 p.m and is fully open to the public.

Council defeats motion to set 2.5 levy increase

Opposing councillors and staff say individual projects and expenditures need to be dealt with individually

After an hour of discussion, council defeated a motion brought forward by Ward 5 Coun. Don Lubberts that recommended an increase of no more than 2.5 per cent for the 2013 general levy.

Voting against the recommendation, after it had been amended and tweaked a number of times before it came to a vote, were councillors Stephen Passero, Rick Shular, Bob Steckley and mayor Doug Martin.

Councillors Lubberts, Hill and Collard were all in favour of holding staff to this number when preparing the budget.

The argument was that setting this obligation would not allow council to be meticulous and thorough when debating the budget or make specific decisions about specific projects and line items.

The surface has only been scratched in the budget process, which will continue into the New Year.

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our editorial

Dan Aykroyd a real treat to meet

Dan Aykroyd is a king of comedy, a heavyweight if you will.

But he's also a great guy.

Until Friday, the biggest celebrity the current editorial staff had met as a result of this job was Fred Ewanuick, when an episode of Dan for Mayor was shot on location at the Old Fort about two years ago.

He's also known as 'Hank' from the hit series Corner Gas.

He was also a great guy.

But Dan Aykroyd is a massive celebrity who has been relevant in the entertainment industry for decades.

He sat own with us, while signing bottles of vodka and other memorabilia and he was nothing but a real treat to be introduced to.

The Peace Bridge Duty Free should also be commended for its crowd control, as this was easily one of the busiest days the store has ever seen in its history.

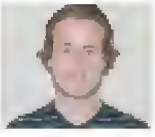
-Kris Dubé

Do You Remember?

We had many callers concerning last week's Do You Remember photo. These people in the photo were the 1982 committee members for the Willoughby Museum. Our thanks to Evelyn Hicks and her brother Gene Somerville; Doris Darragh who phoned to identify her brother Fred;, Emma Chambers, past curator of the Willoughby Museum; and an anonymous caller. Back row, left to right: Rita Somerville, Margory Ort, Fred Brunning, Jr.; and Candace Thwaites. Front row, left to right: Clara Ruch; Ted Lees and Ursula Bienzeisler, who was the curator when this photo was taken.

This week's photo will bring a collective 'aahhh". Who is this adorable little girl holding the puppy? The date stamped on the back is Nov. 1975. If you know anything about this photo, please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us museum@forterie.on.ca

Statistics shouldn't determine an individual's insurance rates



Jeff Blay
Two–Cents

As I recently relocated back to Ontario from Alberta to take a job at the Thorold Niagara News, I also had to go through the rigmarole of switching over my license plates and changing from Alberta to Ontario vehicle insurance.

When calling around for quotes from various insurance companies, I couldn't help put feel slightly chastised for simply being of the male gender.

Just because I'm a male, my vehicle insurance is automatically more expensive than say, my girlfriend's. She's the same age, same driving experience, yet she gets judged differently because of her gender.

And why is this?

Well, one of the reasons I was given is that "statistics show" males tend to drive faster, more recklessly and get in more accidents than females do.

While those statistics may very well be accurate, I'm still feeling a bit disheartened by what I believe is a unfortunate case of prejudice.

To me, it's simply unfair that men aren't even given a chance to prove themselves as individuals just because statistics say they are historically more dangerous behind the wheel.

How are these companies even allowed to get away with this type of unwarranted bias in this day in age?

It seems like nothing more than a cash-grab to me; a convenient way for companies to rake in some additional revenue.

Anyone attempting to obtain insurance should be given an equal opportunity and be evaluated on an even playing field.

Each individual should be judged by his or her personal experiences and history, not by gender or race, and certainly not by statistics.

If you have a clean driving record and no claims history, you should be quoted the same base rate as anyone else – whether you're male or female.

When you screw up, get in an accident, get a ticket or do anything else to prove yourself a liability to the insurance company, it's then you should be penalized for your actions and given a steeper rate.

No one should be penalized right off the bat simply because you were born male – a matter in which you had no choice.

Granted, rates are also cheaper the older you get, so age also plays a role along with gender, but if you've been driving for a number of years and have maintained a clean record, then you deserve to be given a break as you get older.

What you don't deserve is a higher rate before you even get an opportunity to prove yourself as a safe and responsible driver.

Basing insurance rates on whether or not an individual is male or female, in my opinion, is no better than racial profiling or segregation. Everyone deserves an equal chance.

You can leave feedback for Jeff at jeff.blay@sunmedia.ca or Twitter @JeffBlay.

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Team Kelsey

This week, the McDonald's restaurants of Niagara Falls donated $3,000 to Team Kelsey. This puts them at $34,000, very close to their goal of $37,000. Kelsey's mother, Lana, hopes the remainder of that goal, which will be used to build a playroom at Ronald McDonald House will be raised at today's pasta dinner fundraiser at the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre from 4 to 8 p.m.

Social media causing people to have lack of good judgment

Dear Editor,

Social media is consuming peoples' lives.

This is having a negative impact on society.

Personal behaviour is becoming negligent and lacking in judgement.

People are no longer concerned with their actions and how they might affect their lives in the future with what they are posting on the internet.

Companies often look to the internet and social media to background check potential employees.

Individuals need to think about what they are posting on the internet and how employers may view their conduct.

Additionally, people are losing the human connection by communicating so often through social media.

One seldom realizes the impact that their words and actions can have on someone else emotionally.

Society needs to re-establish the value of personal interaction and empathy.

The world needs to disengage from social media and recapture the importance of face-to-face interaction.

Tegan McPhee
Fort Erie

November an important month for multiple reasons

Dear Editor,

November is an important month for Canadians.

It's a time when most of us, in some capacity will take part in Movember- responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in an effort to raise awareness towards men's health issues. Remembrance Day- recognizing the brave sacrifices of people in all armed conflicts. And this year, the 100th Grey Cup-Canada's biggest party, a cultural phenomenon, a source of national pride and a Canadian legacy.

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Borrowing a line from the American Declaration of Independence seems appropriate considering this is also the year we celebrate 200 years of peace with our American neighbours and nothing describes November better for me, then those three "unalienable Rights".

For CFL players chasing Grey Cup glory, the war we wage on the grid iron pales in comparison to those brave men and women and their families that have battled cancer or faced enemy fire while serving overseas.

Life and death events have a way of galvanizing communities, it makes them stronger.

And while sport will always hold a special place in Canada's cultural landscape, it's true hero's should never be measured by touchdowns or tackles. Not when there are survivors that walk among us.

So this November, drink a toast to 'Life', as the unruly growth on your upper lip no doubt gets in the way. Raise a glass to 'Liberty', pausing for a few moments to remember a brave soldier. And tip a cold ale to the home team in their 'Pursuit of Happiness' towards Grey Cup glory. November is all these things to all of us.

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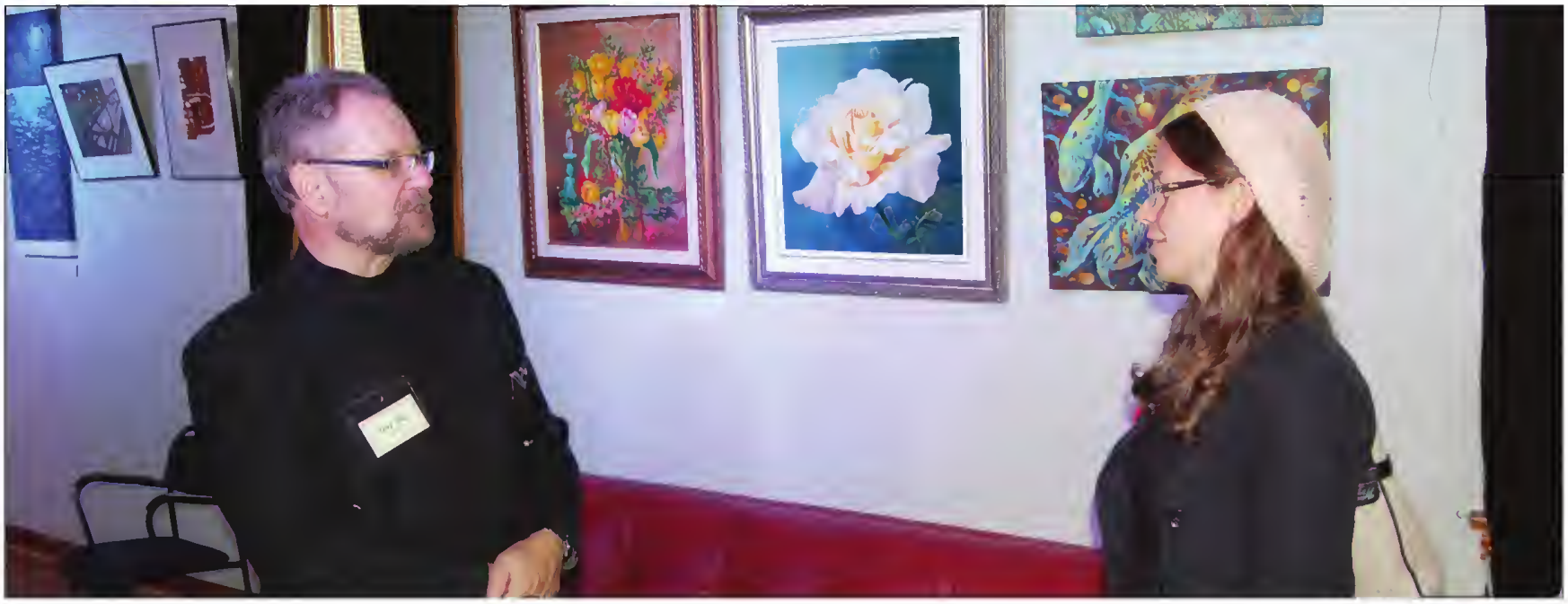

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Terry Babij and Victoria Featherston having an artistic conversation at the Red Ribbon Art Exhibit and Sale on Sunday. The annual event, hosted by the Fort Erie Arts Council, ran from Friday until Sunday, last weekend.

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Red Ribbon exhibit and sale deemed a success

Kris Dubé
Editor

With events like the annual Red Ribbon Exhibit and Sale, the Fort Erie Arts Council (FEAC)'s profile continues to grow in the community.

For nine years, the FEAC has served as a channel for illustrators, painters, sculptors, photographers and many other creative minded individuals to showcase their work to the area.

On Nov. 9, 10 and 11, the eighth annual Red Ribbon had about 40 artists on hand to promote and even sell a few of their pieces.

"It was very well-attended and successful," said Sheri Ordinario, chair of the FEAC.

Through a silent auction and other activities, Ordinario said the FEAC has received the financial support it was hoping for, as a result of the event.

"We raised enough money to sustain ourselves for the next year, if not longer," she said.

It wasn't just the arts council that benefitted, as many artists were able to sell their work and meet new people.

> **"Without everyone involved, there wouldn't be a Fort Erie Arts Council or an event like this."**
>
> *— Sheri Ordinario*

"They had a lot of exposure and made a few business contacts," said Ordinario.

The FEAC has been in its headquarters, the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts, for two years.

The first event they played a role in under the new roof was the Spirit of Christmas event that has been an annual holiday spectacle in downtown Ridgeway for many years.

Since then, especially once the Sanctuary started promoting concerts at the venue, Ordinario has noticed a lot of attention coming their way.

The FEAC and the Sanctuary act as partners, holding various events.

"Whenever one has a function, the other benefits too."

Before moving into the former Ridgeway Community Church on Ridge Road, the FEAC had a small gallery and office inside the From Cover to Cover Bookstore, which has closed its doors since that time.

"Now, we have a bigger place and there's more room for exposure because of the different types of things we can do," said Ordinario.

The FEAC would like to thank to all of those involved from Trailside Bar and Grill for the catering, Rich Products for the donation of cookies and brownies, Stephen Passero and Nancy from the Happy Baker for the desserts and to all the artists, volunteers and those that visited the show.

"Without everyone involved there wouldn't be a Fort Erie Arts Council or an event like this."

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INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012 • TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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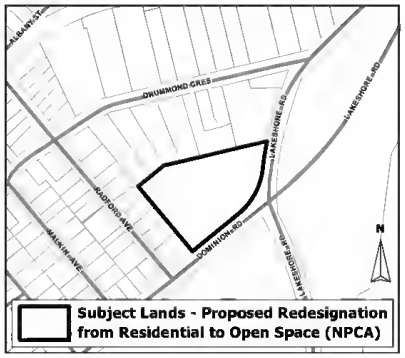
The Town of Fort Erie is initiating housekeeping Official Plan amendments to align certain site specific Official Plan designations with previous approvals and/or existing zoning or existing use of land. Other amendments are being initiated to improve and clarify existing policies. The subject Official Plan amendments are being processed in concert with housekeeping zoning amendments to bring the Town's Zoning By-law in to conformity with the Official Plan.

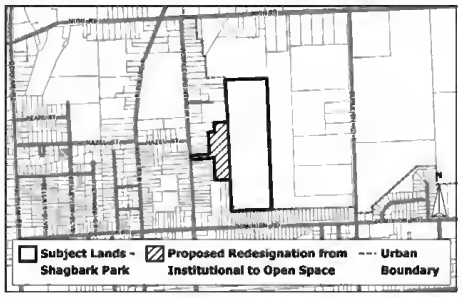
You can attend the December 11, 2012 Open House to learn more about the proposed Official Plan amendments or ask questions or express concerns. **The December 11, 2012 Public Open House is not a statutory public meeting**. The statutory public meeting will take place on January 14, 2012. Separate notice for the statutory public meeting will be provided at a later date.

The proposed amendments are as follows:

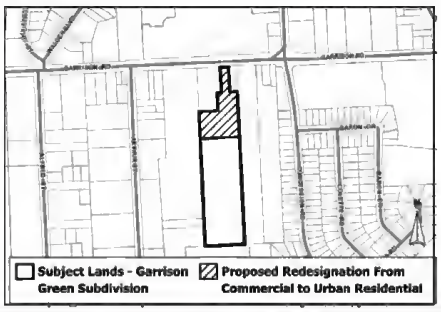
I. The vacant Niagara Parks Commission lands north of Dominion Rd , west of Lakeshore Road are proposed to be redesignated from Urban Residential to Open Space to better reflect the existing park use.



II. The portion of the Town owned Shagbark Park situated within the urban area boundary is proposed to be redesignated from Institutional to Open Space to better reflect the existing park use.

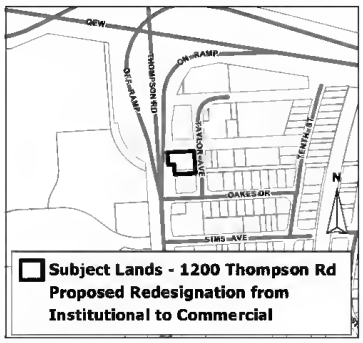


III. A portion of the lands of the Garrison Green Subdivision located on the south side of Garrison Rd., east of Arthur Street are proposed to be redesignated from Commercial to Urban Residential to reflect the existing zoning and site specific amendment to the previous Official Plan.

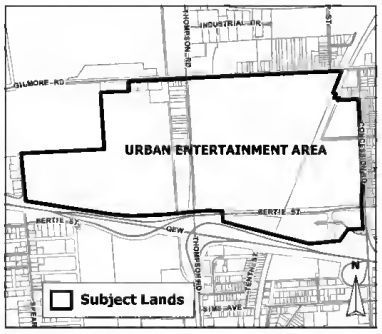


IV. The lands associated with 33 Princess Street are proposed to be redesignated from Commercial to Urban Residential to reflect the existing zoning and previous approval of Official Plan Amendment No. 3.

V. The lands of the former Police Station situated at 122 Thompson Road owned by the Region are proposed to be redesignated from Institutional to Commercial, given the building is no longer used for police services and the proposed designation is compatible with existing neighbouring commercial designations.



VI. Policy 4.14.1 of the Official Plan relates to lands designated as Urban Entertainment Centre illustrated on the map below. Currently the designation permits various uses ancillary to the predominant use being a horse race track, equine centre and approved gaming facilities. The amendment will propose to have the predominant uses and ancillary uses listed all as permitted with no differentiation. Any proposed residential uses will still have to be an ancillary use, however, Policy 4.14.1 IV will remain to require a Comprehensive Development Plan that will assist towards controlling the ultimate land uses and arrangement of those uses.



VII. Policy 4.7.4.1 IV of the Official Plan, which provides policy direction for accessory apartments, is under the Urban Residential section of the Official Plan. The amendment proposes to allow accessory apartments in dwellings in agricultural and rural areas with the addition of a policy to require regional approval for a sustainable private sewage disposal system.

Further information respecting the proposed amendments will be available on the Town's website after 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2012. For further information, please contact:

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MAJOR HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAW 129-90

INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

APPLICANT: Town Of Fort Erie
APPLICATION #: 350309-0354
DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012
TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Atrium – Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie

PURPOSE:

The "Information Open House Session" is an informal way for interested individuals to obtain information and to discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning By-law 129-90 text and mapping with Town Staff.

A formal Public Meeting will be held by Town Council at a later date, pursuant to the provisions of the Planning Act of Ontario. This formal public meeting is a separate meeting and a separate Public Notice will be given respecting the date and time of this Public Meeting.

This major Housekeeping Amendment will bring the Town's Zoning By-law 129-90 into conformity with the Town's new Official Plan which was approved by the Region in November of 2011. In addition, this amendment will recognize other minor housekeeping changes that have been noted by staff throughout 2012.

Some of the more major changes include :

- Mapping of Environmental Protection EP Zone;
- Mapping and textual changes for a new Environmental Conservation Overlay EC Zone;
- Mapping and textual changes for a new "Existing Commercial Use ECU Zone" for commercial uses outside the Urban Area Boundary;
- Removal of the Hazard H Zone and replacement with Environmental Protection EP Zoning;
- New Urban Entertainment Centre UEC Zone;
- A new Core Mixed Use Zone within Crystal Beach;
- A new Waterfront Residential WR Zone and a New Waterfront Rural Residential WRR Zone.

A number of property owners within the Town of Fort Erie will be affected by the revised schedules and textual changes proposed.

The full text and mapping associated with this proposed amendment will be available on the Town of Fort Erie Website: www.forterie.on.ca on November 29, 2012.

Please note that the proposed changes to the mapping and text will be highlighted in red on the proposed new mapping schedules and the by-law.

If you would like a paper copy of these documents, or if you would like further information on this amendment, please contact:

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Helix bringing its 'Heavy Mental' Christmas to town

Kris Dubé
Editor

Helix has been an iconic Canadian rock group for 38 years and they don't plan on slowing down ay time soon.

This week, lead singer Brian Vollmer spoke to the Fort Erie Times about the upcoming 'Heavy Mental Christmas' show that will take place at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre on Nov. 30.

"It's 98 per cent Christmas songs, done rock n' roll style," said Vollmer.

> **"We just go out and do what we've always done. It's a real fun show."**
>
> *— Helix lead singer Brian Vollmer*

Helix, a popular rock group from the 1980's will be bringing its benefit Christmas concert to the Crystal Ridge Community Centre on Nov. 30. It is an all ages event

Most of the songs are from the holiday album the band released about two years ago on Universal Records.

The height of Helix's popularity came in the 1980's with songs like 'Rock You' and 'Heavy Metal Love.'

Although the group's members are a little bit older than they were back in that era, it doesn't mean they have taken on a new, more reserved approach to their live shows.

"We just go out and do what we've always done," he said.

"It's a real fun show," he added.

In the 1970's, Helix started their career playing small bars across Canada, which is how they were given the reputation of being one of the most fun bands to exist in Canadian music.

"That's how we evolved into that party band," he said.

The band's name resurfaced many times, with the popular Canadian comedy trio, the Trailer Park Boys.

In an episode titled 'Closer to the Heart,' characters Ricky and Bubbles get into a dispute about who was a better band, Helix or Rush.

After seeing the episode, Vollmer contacted the show's director Mike Clattenburg and a friendship was established.

Vollmer flew out to Nova Scotia, where all of the show's eight seasons were shot and visited the set of Sunnyvale Trailer Park.

He later went out for dinner with the cast and when the comedy team's second feature film 'Countdown to Liquor Day' was completed, Helix had a song on its soundtrack.

He said they are all great guys.

"To get that respect from these guys, because they really are stars, is overwhelming," said Vollmer.

The Christmas concert in Crystal Beach will benefit the Create a Christmas Toy Drive. Those who attend are asked to bring an unwrapped gift and will have their name entered into a draw to win a big screen TV.

It is an all ages show. Tickets are $20 for adults and $25 for people 18 and under.

Doors open at 6:30 and the show will start at 8 p.m. with an acoustic set from Daryl Gray.

Helix will take the stage at 9 p.m.

For more information, visit www.planethelix.com.

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St. Nick's Shopping Day

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St. Paul's Anglican Church is getting ready for its annual St. Nick's Shopping Day on Dec. 1. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and children can pick out items for their parents, priced from five cents to five dollars. All proceeds will benefit the Kinsmen Club of Fort Erie's Gift of Love campaign. Seen here are Rev. Wayne Fraser, Carol McGlaughlin, Jan Weaver, Bunny Bremner Terrie Hall, Sandy Williams, Fran Wright, Ellen Kent, Shirley Athoe and Barb Steele.

Region considers service delivery task force

Regional councillors were in no hurry Thursday to start up a task force to look into alternative service delivery.

Councillors were faced Thursday with a call from Port Colborne Coun. David Barrick to begin piecing together the task force. But the move was bounced back to a committee as some councillors balked at jumping into the method with both feet.

That came as Welland Coun. Peter Kormos slammed alternative service delivery — pitched by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce as working with the private sector to deliver government services — as little more than "code language.

"I'm worried that this is appeasing the chamber of commerce," he said.

That did not stop St. Catharines Coun. Andy Petrowski, who said he didn't see a problem if the process resulted in the private sector delivering a service better.

"I don't know what my colleagues are afraid of," he said.

Councillors originally heard the chamber's request last week at a budget committee meeting.

The idea was ultimately kicked to the audit committee by Pelham Coun. Brian Baty.

But Barrick said starting up the task force would let council put its words into action. He pointed out that council decided service delivery was its focus during this year's governance review.

"Alternative service delivery is something that, yes, we do here and there," he said.

"But we haven't identified a focus on ASD. This task force will do just that."

Barrick's motion would have begun exploring the framework for the task force. That, he said, would get the ball rolling on the process.

Councillors need to decide first if they need to focus on that method, said Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn. He said that decision was supposed to be made by the audit committee.

And he noted that the responsive Region improvement team, the municipality's internal savings task force, already looks at the method.

"This is in the terms of reference of the RRIT team," Augustyn said. "Is this duplication of services?"

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Courage to Soar

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Marrika Wettlauser-Sanders, Corinna Frammartino, Cody Barnes, Brandon Flagg, Austin Ireland, Annette Kerr and Cindilee Ecker-Flagg, from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC) took a tour of Eurocopter on Wednesday afternoon. The students with Kerr and Flagg, were selected to take the tour for excelling in both the Courage to Soar and Basic Literacy Skills programs, offered at the FENFC.

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Santa's Fantasyland

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Fort Erie Opti-Mrs. Gail Bingleman-Morden offers Santa Claus a tasty treat, while getting set up for Santa's Fantasyland at the Optimist Hall. The one and only Santa Claus will be busy in the next month and he has found time to make a few stops at the Fort Erie Optimist Hall on Gilmore Road. On Nov. 23 and 30 from 5 to 9 p.m., Nov. 24 and Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 from 12 to 5 p.m., jolly St. Nick will be on hand for Santa's Fantasyland.

Disciplinary hearings for cops put over

The disciplinary cases of two Niagara Regional Police officers criminally charged in separate smuggling cases were put over to future dates Tuesday.

Const. Scott Heron and Const. Geoff Purdie both face misconduct charges under the Police Services Act.

Heron was charged criminally in September after police busted a cheese smuggling operation across the U.S. border. His disciplinary hearing is scheduled to resume on Dec. 11.

Purdie was charged in a steroid and drug smuggling case earlier in the year. His misconduct case will resume Feb. 12.

Both criminal cases are still before the courts.

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Traffic fatalities on the rise in Niagara region

Dan Dakin
QMI Agency

Fatal collisions in the first 10 months of 2012 are up by more than 30% over the same period last year.

Now it's up to the Niagara Regional Police Service and the region's transportation department to figure out why.

From the beginning of January until the end of October, 18 fatal collisions on Niagara roads patrolled by the NRP resulted in 21 deaths and 24 life-threatening injuries. That's up from 16 fatalities a year earlier and 14 from the same period in 2010.

"We constantly battle with this every year trying to figure out how to bring our numbers down," said Sgt. Darrin Forbes of the NRP's traffic services division. "We look at trends – is it a time of day, a month? We look at everything to try to find a solution."

Though the numbers are up for 2012 compared to the past two years, that may not tell the whole story. There were 27 fatalities over the same period in 2009 and 29 in 2008.

Over the past 10 years, there has generally been a decrease in the number of fatalities on Niagara roads.

"Technology plays into it," Forbes said. "We have a lot of collisions where, a few years ago, people may have died, but because of things like side-impact airbags and anti-lock braking, you're seeing people survive."

The numbers may also have something to do with the three-pronged approach to dealing with serious collisions. While the police are responsible for enforcement, the region and municipalities are responsible for improving road engineering and everyone is tasked with educating the public.

Back in 2003, public concern over an increase in serious collisions led to the creation of the Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee, made up of officials from the Region, police, and CAA. They formed with the goal of figuring out ways to bring the numbers down, and they've since been joined by other agencies such as the OPP, Niagara EMS and Ministry of Transportation.

"The idea is through a coordinated effort we can try to turn these statistics around," said Joe Cousins, the transportation director for the Niagara Region. "It was going quite well, but we're starting to become concerned again because the trend looks like it's starting to turn around again."

Ontario's traffic collision numbers are good compared to the rest of North America, but the region is lagging compared to the rest of the province.

"There's some thought it might be because we're a tourist area or because of the percentage of rural roads," Cousins said.

Forbes said rural roads present a major danger in the region.

"They have 80 km-h posted limits, they're windy and bumpy and people drive fast," he said. "A place like West Lincoln has more fatalities per capita, but when you look at the amount of rural roads, you understand why it happens."

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AS TIME GOES BY

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30. 4 PM. CENTENNIAL. $2.

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This week, Rebecca Proulx, left, and Sarah Hind, right, from the Horse Depot in Stevensville, donated 12 saddle pads to Dinna Giliforte from Startin' Small Riding Academy and Liz and Ali Knip from Meadowbanks Stable.

Olympian putting on clinic

In a bid to support and promote equestrian sport in Niagara, The Horse Depot will be hosting a Jumper Clinic on November 24 with two-time Canadian Olympian Mac Cone.

Mac made his Olympic debut in 1996 in Atlanta, where he was the highest placed Canadian competitor aboard Elute. Mac was also a member of the historic Silver Medal Team at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, riding Ole.

At the 2002 World Equestrian Games in Jerez, Spain, Mac was again the best-placed Canadian, this time aboard Cocu. At the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Mac and his mount, Melinda, were members of the Silver Medal Team. A well-respected coach and trainer to some of the biggest names in the business, Mac has the added distinction of being the only rider ever to have represented both the United States and Canada in international show jumping competition.

To register, or for more information on any of our upcoming events and fundraising initiatives, please contact The Horse Depot at 905-382-0002 or email thehorsedepot@bellnet.ca.

-Read the whole story at www.forterietimes.ca

Diamond Jubilee

KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Richard Wujek receives the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal at Monday's council meeting, presented by MPP Kim Craitor as mayor Doug Martin also congratulates him. George McDermott and Al Chevalier also received the honour for their dedication to the community.

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The Friends of Lincoln's hosted an Annual General Meeting on November 10 at the Lincoln Centre, with guest speaker Ronald J. Dale (pictured above on left). Pictured on the right is Bill Salter, of the Friends of Lincoln's History.

Guest speaker presents 'Enemy at the Gates: The First Year of the War of 1812'

Stephanie Sisler
QMI Agency

Friends of Lincoln's History hosted an Annual General Meeting on November 10 at the Lincoln Community Centre.

Ronald J. Dale, Parks' Canada Project Manager for The War of 1812-1815 Bi-centennial, spoke to the Friends of Lincoln's History (formerly Lincoln History Club) for nearly two hours.

Dale's presentation dealt with the first year of the three-year war of 1812, starting with the American rationale for declaring war on British North America on June 18th, 1812. Ron then detailed the key battles of first year, including the capture of Fort Machinac on Michilimackinac Island from the Americans by the combined British forces on July 16th, 1812; the capture of Fort Detroit by the British on August 16th, 1812; and the British victory in Battle of Queenston Heights, October 13th'1812.

Dale's discussion of these major battles was interwoven with associated references including the American Shawnee Warrior Tecumseh who joined Major General Isaac Brock and British forces against the Americans in the capture of Fort Detroit.

His analysis of the Battle of Queenston Heights – from the demise of Brock and his aide-de-camp MacDonell to the ultimate routing of the Americans from Queenston Heights by General Roger Hale Sheaffe and his British Regulars, Local Militia, Six-Nations Warriors and Runchey's Colored Corps – riveted the F.L.H. members.

This presentation is, hopefully, the first of several from Dale to the F.L.H. membership during the three-year tenure of the War of 1812 Bi-Centennial, as Ron has offered to return next year for a second installment of Niagara history, covering events of the War in 1813.

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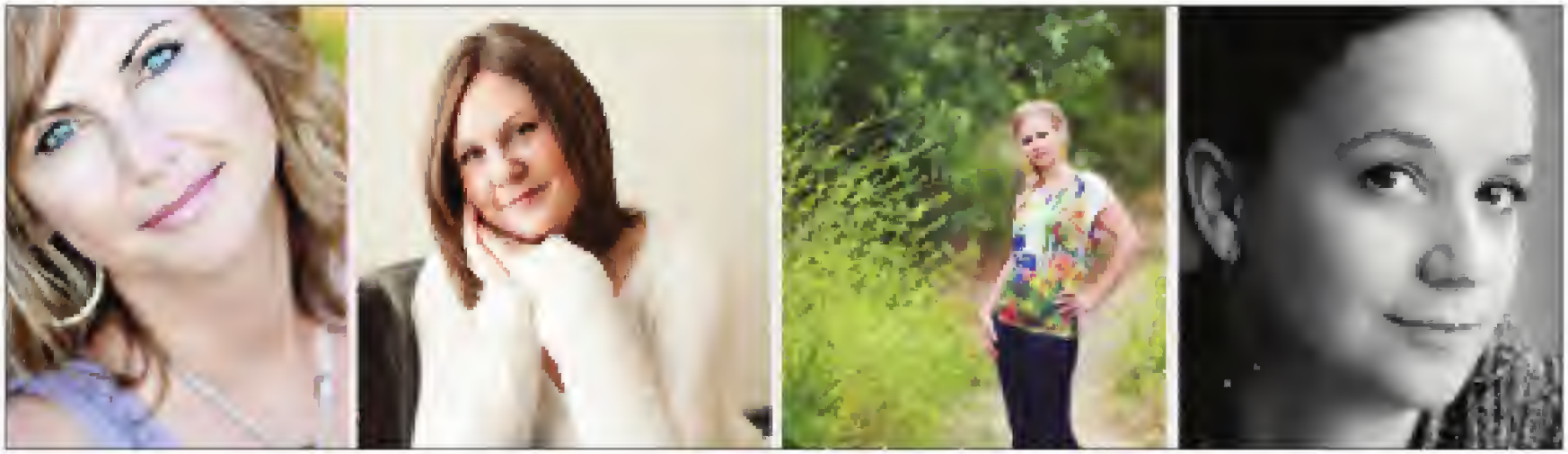

Above, from left, photographers Daniela Berkhout, Jennifer Blakely, Tamsen Donker and Karen Byker set up a website www.niagaranewbornphotography to bring awareness to the need to use trained photographers for newborn photography.

Niagara photographers want people to be cautious with newborn subjects

Tom Wilkinson
QMI Agency

Four local photographers are using a website to help bring attention to issues around newborn photography.

Many professional photographers use props and posing to make great newborn photos, says Niagara photographer Tamsen Donker, who owns Creative Clicks Photography.

Although the shots look great, non professionals need to know that children can be injured unless the shots are correctly set up, she said.

So she and fellow photographers Jennifer Blakely, Karen Biker and Daniela Berkhout set up a website at www.niagaranewbornphotography.com

Tamsen and the others are all members of the Professional Photographers of Canada and are all trained in newborn photography.

"It's not just about getting the cutest picture," said Donker. "There's a lot more to it."

She said that both amateur photographers and parents can see photos taken by professionals and assume they are easy to put the babies into the position they're in.

They're afraid that untrained photographers can put babies in unsafe positions and situations.

The website shows some of the common poses and explains how they're done.

They had it finished and online before newborn safety week, which was last week.

The photographers urge parents considering infant photography to find out what training the photographer has, and ask them for references to check their work with past clients.

"It needs to be done with the baby's safety in mind at all times," she said.

Too often, untrained photographers can see cute poses and think they can try them, not understanding that some of the shots may have been photoshopped.

Mainly, prospective photographers should be asked if they've taken courses in newborn photography, she said.

"You have a newborn," she said. "You have a brand new precious baby. They (untrained photographers) should not be learning difficult shots on your newborn."

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All persons having claims against the Estate of GERTRUDE CLAIRE MARIA HUXLEY, late of the Town of Fort Erie, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, who died on the 22nd day of October, 2012 are notified to send particulars to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of December, 2012, after which date the estate will be distributed with regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim the undersigned shall not then have notice.

Dated this 5th day of November, 2012.

Thomas Greene and
Joseph Vincent Huxley,
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Linda Jean Marr,
Estate Trustee , by her Solicitor, HAGAN LAW FIRM
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Obituaries

FRETZ, Duane "Duey" Edward - On Saturday, November 10, 2012 at Bluewater Health Duane "Duey" Edward Fretz retiree of CNR passed away at the age of 71 with his loving family by his side. Beloved husband of Carmilla Fretz (Nee Doyle). Loving father of Duane (Gina) Fretz and Sandra (the late John) Anderson. Proud grandfather to Stephen, Bethany, Michael Fretz and Natasha Anderson. Great grandfather to Ashlee Anderson. Survived by his sisters Shirley Fretz and Eileen Kendrick and by his brothers John and Robert Fretz. Much loved brother in law to Leona, Loretta, Jackie, Mike and their families. Predeceased by brother Cliff Fretz. Cremation has taken place. As per Duey's wishes no services will be held. Arrangements have been entrusted to **SMITH FUNERAL HOME**, 1576 London Line, Sarnia. In lieu of flowers sympathy may be expressed through donations to the Canadian Cancer Society (cheques only at the funeral home please). Memories and condolences may be sent online at
www.smithfuneralhome.ca

GONCZI, John Joseph - On Monday, November 12th, 2012, John suddenly passed away at his residence at the age of 72. Survived by daughter Jennifer, sisters Irene Arbor, Emma Balogh, Elizabeth (Alan) Kubitz, brother Leslie and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents John and Emma Gonczi, sister Anna and brothers Steve and Joseph. Relatives and friends may call at **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME,** 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway on Monday, November 19th from 6-8 followed by a celebration of John's Life in the chapel at 8:00 p.m. Donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. On line guest register www.williamsfuneralhome.ca

Obituaries

KERKHOF, Maria - Peacefully at Gilmore Lodge, her home for more than ten years, on Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the age of 92 years. Maria was the loving wife of the late Harry Kerkhof. Maria and Harry immigrated to Canada from Holland and resided in Crystal Beach for years. They were members of St. George Roman Catholic Church. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES,** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on Friday, November 16th at 10 am in the Benner Chapel. Rite of Committal followed at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. Those who wish may make a memorial contribution in her memory to Gilmore Lodge Auxiliary.

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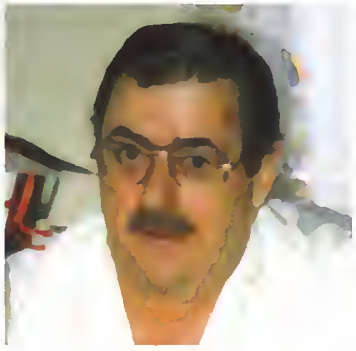

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Annunziata says 100th Grey Cup will be an electric atmosphere

Kris Dubé
Editor

Sandy Annunziata has been there before.

He was the chair of corporate services on town council from 2006 to 2010, hashing out four budgets for local taxpayers.

This is something that is unfolding over the next few months in the Town of Fort Erie.

Before entering into politics in his hometown, he had a ten-year career in the Canadian Football League (CFL), winning a Grey Cup with the Toronto Argonauts in 2004 and the Edmonton in 2005.

Last Sunday both of his former squads met in the division semi-finals and the Argos ran away with a 42-26 win.

Sandy Annunziata in action with the Toronto Argonauts.

Still heavily active in the CFL as a member of the Grey Cup steering committee and a colour commentator for TSN Radio 1050, Annunziata's passion for the game is just as strong as it was while on the field as an offensive lineman.

He admitted watching the Argos match up in last weekend's elimination game against his other former championship team was difficult... especially because a handful of players from each roster from the Argos in 2004 and Eskimos in 2005, have found coaching positions with both clubs.

"There are so many relationships that develop when you're with each organization," said Annunziata.

But if the 43-year-old had to pick a team to take the 100th Grey Cup on Nov. 25, he is going with the Toronto Argonauts.

"My money is on Toronto, they're peaking just at the right time," he said.

In the western conference finals, Annunziata thinks the B.C. Lions will advance to the championship and that the only team that can beat them is themselves.

"If they self destruct, then Calgary has a shot," he said.

In its centennial year, Annunziata agreed there is more attention being paid to the Grey Cup this year, as there s a "collective swell" of new CFL fans that seem to be getting involved in the celebration.

"It's going to be an incredible, electric atmosphere."

Annunziata will be calling the eastern final game on the radio with his broadcast partner Mike Hogan and if the Argos are successful, he will be providing the commentary for the Grey Cup, which he said would be an incredible experience. It would also be helpful that the on-air duo have closely followed the Argos all year.

"We would be fortunate if Toronto was to make it, because we have a lot of familiarity with their players and that roster."

He said being a broadcaster for radio is much different than TV. You really have to engage the listener and get them into the game.

"You really have to paint a visual picture for your audience, you don't have the benefit of instant replay," said Annunziata.

When asked if he wishes he was ten years younger, so he could have a chance of being on the field for the 100th Grey Cup, he said there aspects of the game he misses and some he doesn't.

"To be a player in a big game, that's what you miss," said Annunziata.

But what can be stressful for some of the league's veterans, is making it this far and not knowing if this will be their last season or not. In most cases, players put personal expectations on themselves, that they have to come away with a championship before retirement.

"I'm glad I don't have a lot of the pressure."

Annunziata will also be doing radio commentary for today's Vanier Cup.

Hunters need to be aware of their surroundings

Kris Dubé
Editor

The Niagara Regional Police have received a handful of complaints from Greater Fort Erie residents, about hunting activity near their homes.

Fort Erie's staff sergeant Dave Hunter explained there are two infractions that have been dealt with after the complaints.

The first is the contradiction of the Town's by-laws, about individuals discharging firearms in prohibited areas and the other involves people trespassing on private property.

Hunter wants people who head out ti rural areas looking for game, to be aware of their surroundings and the rules that they must adhere to.

"It's a matter of public safety," said Hunter.

He said hunters should keep an eye out for 'no trespassing' signs when in wooded areas, as many residents have marked their property with them, hoping it will keep them away.

In the Town's by-law, it says a firearm cannot be discharged 200 metres or less from a residential property.

If they are on private property, the owner needs to have provided them with a blessing to do so.

"Anybody who is hunting on land that isn't their own, needs to have permission," said Hunter.

"They need to be aware of their surroundings and need to be aware of the by-laws that exist where they're hunting."

But he said it's not everyone who enjoys the outdoor activity is at fault, as there are several that have been doing it for many years properly and within the law.

"The good hunters are aware."

Matt Richardson, from the Town's by-law enforcement department, said there is helpful information on the municipality's website www.forterie.on.ca.

He said the largest prohibited area is south of Hwy. 3 and east of Gorham Road.

There are also residential areas in Stevensville that are wooded but not a place for hunting.

One exception within the law, is that farmer's are able to discharge a low-gauge firearm, if it is a matter of protecting livestock.

Other than that, he hopes people will pay attention to their surroundings and the laws that apply to their sport locally.

"We just ask people to use common sense," said Richardson.

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